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NATIONAL COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

We are on the threshold of a new YDVA fiscal year and I want to stress again that greater membership in the YDVA is perhaps the only solution to every problem that the YDVA has to face; particularly in our efforts to balance the budget, stay solvent, have money in the bank, and above all, have all bills paid. With adequate membership support we can take the offensive for the first time in thirty years. We have been on the defensive too long already. The time has come, and that time is right now — that all YDVA men must face the facts. It costs us $14,000 each year to run, no matter what we beg, borrow or earn. The most we can ever take in is $10,000, a loss each and every year of $4,000— but thank God — through the brains, guts, and brilliance of a Budget committee made up of men who are YDVA right in their heart, and with everyone sticking to the budget, this deficit is wiped out this year — WE ARE IN THE BLACK — thanks to PNC Ed Miller's committee consisting of Pete Bourget, PNC Fred Jones, PNC Lee Redfield, PNC Ben Bourne, National Treasurer Earl S. Eaves, National Secretary Guy Watts, PNC Al Herman and National Sergeant at Arms Jim Sullivan.

The membership in the YDVA is the biggest that we have had with exception of the year 1946, when all the WW II boys joined us. The chips are down in this fight for a bigger membership, with the right kind of co-operation we cannot fail. We must strive to translate the current high fever of enthusiasm into practical action — that means only one thing — we must give the membeers of the YDVA a break —

and our National Secretary along with the Executive Committee has done that.

Any member that signs up now has his dues paid up to April 1951. This is your fight, we have had our backs against the wall too often in the past — that is behind us now. We are out front now, will you help us stay there — you say "how can I do it?" Well, pay your dues right away, turn in for the Car Drawing immediately, register for the Worcester Convention.

You will be happy, so will we — Thanks.

—Knocko, N. C.

31st Annual Banquet

On February 4th the Hartford Chapter put on the 31st Annual Banquet and it was a "corker".

Col. Harold Smith was the principal speaker and he did a good job in his remarks in regards national defense. Ben Bourne was master of ceremonies, and there is only *one* Ben. Ed Miller was like the general chairman, and was all over the "joint". Billy Sullivan as usual would not let any one go to sleep, and John Edwards the Commander was so busy making every body else happy that he did not plant his big knees under the table to grab some food or "Flit." The food was very good, and the talent was of the very best.

After the party we adjourned to the Hotel Bond and "kicked the gong" around until 6 a.m. and then barged in to a "hash house" across the street, and the boiled eggs tasted like a Thursday "boiled dinner." At 7 a.m. they were very nice to me, "THEY LET ME GO TO BED" and to show that they had me in mind — it seems that there was a meeting that afternoon in Worcester of the Convention Committee at 3 o'clock — and to make sure that I would not miss the Worcester meeting, Freddie Jones, Earl Holbrook, Marty Taylor, Eddie Dionne, Harold Smith, Ben and Ed, Johnny Goss, Cowboy Jim Sullivan and half of Hartford piled into my room at 9 o'clock and told me that I was late. A real bunch of "good fellows", (if you know what I mean). Result: We drank our breakfast and were also late for the meeting at Worcester.

To you guys of the Hartford Chapter, from top to bottom, the chairmen, the commander, to big Moose and his "double headers" from Freddie, Earl, Marty, Cowboy, Harold and myself — Thank You.

—Knocko.

Recognition of the Ladies' Auxiliary

In regards the recognition of the Ladies' Auxiliary by the National YDVA, I am proud to announce that it did not take the girls long to go to work. The Boston Chapter Auxiliary already made arrangements to have a Hospital Chairwoman in the person of Mrs. Marie McDonald, who will work in conjunction with the Veterans Administration Volunteer Service, advisory committee at the West Roxbury Hospital.

Frank White, the National Chairman of the YDVA had Mrs. McDonald at the meeting on Feb. 16th and they both told the Committee about the work of the Auxiliary. Mrs. McDonald was invited to sit in the National Executive Committee meetings once a month. The chairman, Frank White will go with other auxiliary members to the N.E.C. meetings and make a report of the various YD men that are in the various hospitals throughout the country.

All members of the Ladies' Auxiliary are invited to join in this wonderful worthwhile work, that we have so unfortunately neglected over the past few years. It is only the ladies that can do this work and do it right. By the ladies doing this work, the names of a lot of our members, that were great members in the past, and owing to sickness may have fallen off in their dues, will be brought forward again. It is hard at times to get bread on the table when a comrade is sick and down and out, and as much as they do not like to fall by the wayside in their dues, self preservation is the first law of nature. Some day the YDVA will be in a financial position, that matters of this kind can be faced from a practical angle. A YDVA man that is sick is entitled to all that we do for him while he is hospitalized, and above all, we should make plans that he is absolved from paying his dues while in this condition. It is not the YDVA man himself that feels it, because I know, as I have received several letters from the wife and kids of the YDVA Veteran along this line. All they worry about is "Will the dues of my husband be kept up."

As a result of this condition, the National Executive Committee have gone ahead with plans for a National Tag Day, and this money set aside just for the above purpose, namely, for those of the YDVA that need our help.

—Knocko, N. C.

Comments From The Commander

Perley Wells of Cleveland met me at the National Executive Committee meeting in New York and said that "HE HAD BEEN SENT ON TO THE MEETING BY THE CHAPTER TO FIND OUT WHAT KIND OF A NATIONAL SECRETARY GUY WATTS WAS", and in few words I told Perley that Watts was the best Secretary of not only the YDVA, but of any other veteran organization in the country, that Watts works 7 days a week and 12 to 16 hours a day for the YDVA. The man works so hard that the Budget committee on October 20th, 1949 increased his salary, and even at that, for the work and time and knowledge that Watts has of the doings and workings of the YDVA, he is very much underpaid. 70 percent of the YDVA is in Watts brains. The YDVA is 95 percent "Yankee Doings" and 5 percent National Secretary. Watts is editor of "Yankee Doings", and Watts ALONE is the one man that took the YDVA out of the "RED".

On our way to Allentown, Al Gifford and Emery Randall of Plymouth stopped off at New York and attended the banquet and installation of the New York Chapter at the Towne House. Jim Sullivan, the National Sergeant at Arms, Guy Watts and Maurice Goldman of the Boston Club were with me. The Allentown party was very nice, and the WW II officers elected were of a very high caliber, we were all very much impressed by them. In Allentown we met P.N.C. Bill Forsyth and Mrs. Forsyth, also Boston Kelly and Peg, from Philadelphia.

Phil Sousa, the organizer was the toastmaster, and I directed the installation, which was conducted by Bill Forsyth, Guy Watts, and Jim Sullivan. The Allentown people could not do too much for us, and we hated to leave. We all left with a feeling that the Lehigh Valley Chapter will be one of the best in the country within a very short time.

On February 24th the Boston Convention Corporation closed the books of the Convention which was held in Boston. As Director of the Convention I knew better than any one that the expenses of running the Convention were very high and that if any money was to be made it would be a "Picture Finish," and that is just how it did wind up. There was a little over 500 dollars left in the Corporation and I am proud to say, that without one dissenting vote, the Boston Club donated to the YDVA the sum of 500 dollars. If ever a bunch of men showed the YDVA spirit it was this gathering of men, because if ever a Chapter needed the 500, it is the Boston Chapter right now. Their only regret was that they could not give us more. As to me personally, I was ashamed to take it, but personalities do not enter into it when you are National Commander of the YDVA. The five hundred will pay for the stamps and printing of the Drawing, and the Boston Chapter and their friends will sell 2000 books of tickets, which will pay for the car. We in Boston do hope that all Chapters will do as good according to their membership as we are trying to do for the YDVA here in Boston.

FUTURE MEETINGS:—

March 12th—Nashua, N. H.

April 16th—Bridgeport, Conn.

May 20th—Additional National Convention to ratify change in by-laws. Under our Constitution this meeting MUST be held at National Headquarters, Boston, Mass.

May 21st—Providence, R. I.

June 18th—Worcester, Mass.

To conform with the by-laws there will be an Additional National Convention called in Boston on Saturday, May 21st at the YD Club at 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Reason for the calling of the Additional National Convention is to change the By-laws of the Yankee Division Veteran Association.

If ads are not so good, scare them with the "I have been telling you YDVA men all year long". Then put it on them, that the selling of the Car Drawing Books is the only way that we can stay solvent this year.

Resolution that National Treasurer be empowered to transfer money in Life Membership account to General Fund if needed.

P.N.C. Dinny Brunton on the sick list at home, 43 Ranney Street, Springfield. Drop the great "Dennis" a line and cheer him up.

Mrs. Annie (Hill) Childs Dies In Northampton

The Northampton Chapter has lost its only Honorary member in the death of Mrs. Annie (Hill) Childs on February 13, 1950. Her many activities in outstanding organizations in Northampton attest her love for, and interest in, her community and its well-being. She was honored with high offices, which she capably filled and did much to promote various good causes during her lifetime. She was a woman of keen patriotic spirit and took special interest in local veterans organizations, particularly in the Northampton Chapter, Y. D. V. A. Personally, Mrs. Childs was a woman of pleasing refinement, cordial, gracious and was one of the best-liked women in Northampton. Her many kind deeds will long live after her and she will always be remembered by all those who were fortunate enough to meet her. At a testimonial dinner, in August, 1948, given in her honor by the Northampton Chapter, she was presented the Certificate of Meritorious Service, unanimously approved by the National Executive Committee. At this dinner, she was further honored by being presented an Honorary life membership card in the Northampton Chapter. It was also at this affair, she personally presented the chapter with a beautiful set of flags. Last year, Mrs. Childs attended all the affairs promoted by the chapter. She made her last public appearance when she attended the home-coming dinner to Past National Commander, Ralph A. Turgeon. It was not generally known until her death that she and her husband, when he was living, had provided new flags, every year for over 50 years, at the Memorial Building in Northampton.

$10,000 Bequest Left To The Northampton Chapter

In her will, filed in the Probate Court in Northampton, Mrs. Childs directed that $10,000 be given to the Yankee Division Veterans Association of Boston, "to be invested and kept as a permanent fund known and designated as the 'Annie H. Childs Fund' and the income only applied and used for the benefit of the Northampton Chapter. It is assumed that a great deal of Mrs. Childs' inspiration and loyalty to the Northampton Chapter was, in a great measure, made possible by the close contact and association she had, both in business and socially, with past commander of the chapter, L. Powers Fulton, past National Sergeant at Arms, YDVA, 1948-1949. A few months ago, Mrs. Childs told Fulton that of all the organizations she had ever been connected with, during her lifetime, none gave her more satisfaction than her association with the Yankee Division Veterans Association. Her association with Lou was unique. She affectionately called him, "My Commander". Truly, the Northampton Chapter will miss Mrs. Childs as will the hosts of friends she so easily made. She would have been 90 years old next May.

—Ralph A. Turgeon.
Past National Commander.

American Gold Star Mothers' Inc.

The Middlesex Chapter No. 3, American Gold Star Mothers' Inc., were installed at very impressive exercises held at the George Dilboy Post VFW, Cutter Sq., Somerville, Sunday afternoon January 29th, 1950.

Installing Officer was State Department Junior Vice President Catherine Tucker, New Bedford, Mass., assisted by State Department Sergeant at Arms, Mrs. Susan McCusker, Cambridge, Mass.

Mr. Edward Parkin and Mr. Earl Parkin, and representatives of other Veteran Organizations and Auxiliaries were present.

The newly installed Mother President Dorothy Parkin, is the mother of the late Verle Orris, who served in Co. M, 101st Infantry, World War II. Mrs. Parkin is the Chaplain in the Boston YDVA Auxiliary.

—Mrs. Dorothy Parkin
223 Holland Street
West Somerville, Mass.

Extract From Boston Post

PERFECT IN POLICE EXAM: Brighton Officer scores 100 per cent.

For the first time in the history of the Boston Police Department, a lieutenant has received 100 per cent in the examination for the post of Captain. He is Lieutenant George F. Snell (Co 'E' 104th Inf., WW I) of the Brighton Police Station.

Previously men have got 100 per cent in the physical end of the exams, but never in the mental end.

(*Not so bad for an old time YD man*).

Memos of a Midnighter in New York

Bob Dickson is going to make one of the very best Commanders of the New York Chapter. Bob has plenty of Class — Andy Lemon and his gang right behind Bob to put New York right back on top.

Back to the New York banquet. Gen. Paul was busy with the flood situation in the Middle West and could not make it. Ralph Palladino, Commander of the Boston Chapter did the pinch hitting for the genial general, and needless to say, Ralph did a great job.

At the National Executive Committee meeting there were several resolutions introduced in regards the change of the by-laws. They are here in this month's Yankee Doings and will be voted on June 24th at Worcester.

The ladies got the green light to go ahead with the national recognition, and you think that we men of the YD have a battle on our hands for National Commander, well, I know of eight ladies that are candidates for National President of the Auxiliary.

On the Car Drawing — forget me as a candidate for the prize money, as I have more tickets sold and paid for right now (and the books have not gone out yet), than any one member, or a dozen members could sell — mine does not count — so you guys get behind this deal and get that first prize.

—Knocko.

PRESS RELEASE

January 26, 1950

Congressman John W. McCormack, (D), Majority Leader of the House of Representatives has issued the following statement:

Real economy requires the minimum outlay of time, labor and money. That combination spells efficiency in government operations as in business affairs.

The purpose for which the Hoover Commission was created was to make recommendations for the reduction of the costs of government by a streamlined reorganization of the Executive branches so as to secure efficiency. Some agencies of government needed such reorganization.

In its recommendation on veteran affairs, the Hoover Commission failed to recognize that the Veterans Administration was already set up on the one basis on which veteran affairs could be handled with the greatest dispatch and the least cost. The lesson of the past is most emphatic that there must be no division of authority in the vast operation of administering the affairs of 19,000,000 veterans. Yet the Commission proposes such a division of authority. It is uneconomic because divided authority means divided responsibility. Divided responsibility means no responsibility.

If the Hoover proposal to split up the Veterans Administration into five separate federal agencies should be adopted, it would wreck the principle of unified service and of single responsibility in the handling of veteran affairs. It would require more time, more labor and more money to administer the affairs of veterans.

I do not think it is in the interest of the veteran or of economy to divide the Veterans Administration as presently constituted, and in particular to take away from this Agency the control and operation of Veterans hospitals and transferring them to a new or another Agency.

What Do You Get For The Dues You Pay To The YDVA

If you belong to any of the chapters that only charge the amount that is sent to National Headquarters, you receive a magazine eleven months a year that keeps you informed of all the things that you as a Y.D. man should be interested in. You receive a paid-up membership card stating that you are a member of the finest combat division in America's armed forces. You are also entitled to the many services that your comrades who are in positions with the veterans' administration and other key places, can help you with, if and when you need help, also the very helpful service from your National Secretary who spends his entire time on affairs connected with the Y.D.V.A. All this because you pay your two dollars to become a paid-up member of the Y.D. and attend your meetings and lend your support to keep up the traditions we as a whole are proud of. Do you honestly expect any more for your money.

I belong to a Chapter that charges five dollars a year. Three dollars is used to support the working of the Chapter. Let me give you some idea what I receive from them in return.

1. I am constantly in touch with comrades whom I have known for the past thirty years, which if it wasn't for my membership in my local chapter, I would have lost contact with them years ago.

2. I have a beautiful club house to go to any time of the day or night where I can have a fine meal served me and buy a drink.

3. I have rooms to which I can go to read or take a nap or play a friendly game of cards.

4. I can spend an evening playing pool or cards with my comrades or invite my friends to my club for a social evening where it is warm and comfortable and friendly.

5. I can attend any or all of the many functions and meetings that take place during the year and if I am inclined to do so can take an active part in the administration of the Chapter as an officer.

6. I receive entertainment and refreshments at most every meeting and best of all I meet a swell bunch of fellows who as my former comrades I see and talk to at least once or twice a month. These fellows who have continued to be Y. D. members and kept alive the spirit of comradeship that stood the test of time.

7. If I am sick or in the hospital my Chapter sends me flowers or a basket of nice things to eat or anything that I might want. If I die they turn out for the funeral and extend the sympathy of the Chapter to my wife and family. All this for two bucks to National and three bucks to the Chapter. Can you think of anything more a Chapter can do to hold its membership or entice the delinquents to pay up every year.

For the first time in a great many years the National Headquarters is on the black side of the ledger and only because so many of you have continued your membership. We have had men that have put their shoulder to the wheel and kept Y. D. alive. This has been no easy task and has cost many men hours of their time, miles of travel, and extra dollars from their pocket, just to keep the organization alive. We can thank these fellows who were farsighted enough to promote many of the ideas that brought in the necessary funds to keep us rolling.

The present advertising campaign is doing an excellent job at the moment and as long as it does we will be alright, but if anything should happen to suddenly shut off this revenue we would have to look for other means to support us. It is good business sense for us to realize this important issue and take the necessary steps to insure our future. The possibility of raising the per capita by a single dollar has been kicked around for quite some time without a great deal of success but it is my contention that it should be done (if and when the National Executive body feels it is needed). I can't believe that this extra dollar is of so great a value to any individual member that he would object to paying it, if, he like myself has in any way received the benefits of being a Y. D. man. I hope that every one who reads this will think it over and when it comes to making it a part of our by-laws at a regular convention meeting, you will all give it your support.

Let's pay the dollar extra and then we will not have to buy Xmas cards, Y.D. Stamps, or two books of Auto tickets every year. Let everyone through the dollar raise in national dues pay the freight of running the Y. D. V. A. instead of the very few who always dig down to buy all the extras to keep a great organization running in the black.

One little old lousy buck to keep alive the best divisional outfit in the history of the U.S.A.

—Written by a Y. D. man
who believes in paying his share.

The Memorial Plaque At Camp Edward

The Memorial Plaque at Camp Edwards, which cost us $900.00 was paid for during my term of office — of this $900 there was about $600 that was actually turned in towards the plaque, leaving a balance of $300 due some one. The $600 was dug up before I took over — but the setup that existed was that a National Commander had to go into the next year's monies to run his office for the full year. We are fortunate right now to have a Budget committee that rules with an "Iron Hand", and through them, it is so arranged that the YDVA will and can be run in a solvent manner, and when my fiscal year is up April 1st, I will not have to put a "dent" in the money that has been collected for dues and other matters.

Earl Eaves, our National Treasurer did not go to the N. E. C. meeting in New York on Feb. 18th, but he did give Guy Watts some sort of a report to read out. It showed that we had 1200 bucks in the treasury, but Watts could only account for $900 — I then remembered that we "loaned" to the Car Drawing last week (Feb. 17th) three hundred dollars for stamps to get the Drawing on its way and rolling, and also $87.50 for envelopes — this $387.50 will be "whipped" right back where it belongs as soon as the "Cabbage" starts coming in for the Car Drawing. And we are still in the "black" at this time of the year — (and from information that I have gathered, it is the first time in our history that we have been that way).

Well, here I am, making a plea to the various chapters that do not have the worries of the National body in regards finances, then I drift in to the Treasurer's report, the National Executive Committee meeting at New York, the Budget, the Car Drawing, and everything else conceivable, but what I started off to "plead about". This was supposed to sound like this — short and to the point —

"ARE THERE A FEW SOLVENT CHAPTERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY THAT HAVE A DIRTY OLD SAWBUCK OR TWO THAT THEY COULD DONATE TOWARDS THE MEMORIAL OF THEIR DEPARTED COMRADES, WHICH MEMORIAL IS ALREADY LOCATED AT CAMP EDWARDS, MASS."

If we are lucky and can level this off with donations, it would be nice to have the grass plot around the Memorial re-seeded, and also give the flag pole another painting — then when we make our annual pilgrimage to the Memorial in July, we will feel proud — justly proud — that we of the YDVA did not forget OUR DEPARTED COMRADES.

Thank you,

Elliot Carter, Chairman.
Earl S. Eaves, Treasurer.
Edward J. McCormack, Nat. Comm.

Ward 6, Togus, Me., Feb. 23, 1950

Dear Guy:

Enclosed dues for the YDVA as follows:
James E. McMahon, Ward 6, Togus, Me.
Peter J. Gallant, 19 Eschles St., Rumford, Me.

Been meaning for some time to send you a list of the boys who are patients here but just haven't. Among them now here, are the following World WAR I veterans:

Charles Churchill, Mechanics Falls, Me. Co. C, 101st Engineers.
Harrison P. MacAlman, Rockland, Me. Co. C, 101st Engineers.
Levi Sirois, Augusta, Me. 101st MG Bn.
Ralph Stevens, Richmond, Me. MG Co., 103rd Infantry.
Edwin M. Burns, Hampden Heights, Me. MG Co., 103rd Infantry.
Harry Lowell, Topsham, Me. MG Co., 104th Inf.
James E. McMahon, Waterville, Me. Hq. Co., 103rd Infantry.
Linwood M. Luce, Readfield, Me. Co. M, 103rd Infantry.
William Dawson, Dover-Foxcroft, Me. Co. F, 103rd Infantry, former member of Portsmouth, N. H. chapter.

Others who have been patients here recently were: Neal Gerrish, Houlton, Me., Co. L, 103rd Infantry; Felix Daigle, St. Claire, Me., Co. L, 103rd Infantry; William Chaisse, Houlton, Me., Co. L, 103rd Inf., George Desrosiers, Hallowell, Me., Co. K, 103rd Inf., formerly of New Hampshire.

There may be others but I can't place them. I may get out myself by spring and if and when I do will try to get the old Waterville Chapter reorganized and working again. Give Fred Poirier a dig and get him going. They have a wide awake Auxiliary there and should stir them up.

Yours,

Jim McMahon.

Distinguished Service Cross Award

31 January 1950

AGRS-DA 201 Seely, Reed L.
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Lieutenant General W. S. Paul, USA, Ret.
Dorchester House, Apartment 730
480 16th Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Paul:

In reviewing the records of the late Captain Reed L. Seely, Company F. 328th Infantry, it was noted that you, as Division Commander, were personally interested in the recommendation for the Distinguished Service Cross which was submitted in his behalf for action performed on 17 February 1945.

Orders announcing the award of this decoration to Captain Seely have been located and an official extract copy is inclosed for your information. The records show that the recommendation submitted for this award on or about 20 February 1945 was lost and resubmitted on 16 August 1945.

Action is being taken to present the decoration to Captain Seely's next of kin.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General, USA
The Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS
THIRD UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 403

10 October 1945

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 288

SECTION I—Award of Distinguished Service Cross

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AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS - 1. By direction of the President and under the provisions of Sec I, Cir 32, Hq ETO US Army, 00 March 1944, as amended by Sec. I, Cir 56, Hq ETO US Army, 27 May 1944, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded posthumously to:

Captain REED L. SEELY, 0355105, Infantry, Company F, 328th Infantry Regiment, 26th Infantry Division, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy in GERMANY. On 17 February 1945, during fierce house-to-house fighting in SAARLOUIS-RODEN, GERMANY, Captain SEELY, fearlessly braving intense hostile automatic weapons and rocket fire, moved alone through a heavily mined area in order to make a personal reconnaissance. He then led his company against bitterly defended enemy fortified positions, moving from man to man and fearlessly exposing himself to the withering enemy fire in order to direct the action of his troops. Inspired by this heroic leadership, his men moved forward and reduced the enemy positions, allowing the rest of the battalion to advance and secure its objective. Although Captain SEELY was killed on the following day by an enemy mine, his dauntless courage and supreme devotion to duty will live on as an inspiration to his men.

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By command of Lieutenant General TRUSCOTT:

DON E. CARLETON
Brigadier General, U. S. Army
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL

L. L. MANLY
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department
Adjutant General.

BOSTON Y. D. CLUB

Plans are being made to hold a Great Rally Day of all the Boston Y. D. Club members on April 19, 1950 at 6:30 P.M., at the Y. D. Club of Boston, 200 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Mass.

This is the thirtieth year of the Boston Club's existence. We opened the doors September 1920. Since that day the Club has prospered and also has had its hard times. This year we are on the up swing and want all Y. D. men to know it. So drop in and meet many of the old gang and many of the newer lads of WW II.

Our plans arrange for a buffet supper, band music for singing and dancing. Any man who thinks he has the ability to put on a show of his own can step up and strut his stuff. The winners of the singing, dancing and story telling contests will receive a Grand Prize or (?)

Be sure to take in this Party April 19, 1950. Price $1.00 for the supper and entertainment.

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National Service Office

Complaints are received from time to time and from one V.A. hospital or another, about the housekeeping services—the length of time a prospective patient is kept on the waiting list, the cleanliness of wards and lavatories, the quality of the cooking, etc. (There have been none to date concerning the medical and surgical services rendered.)

Nearly all of these complaints seem justified and, to the extent that we have time to check on them, they are fully justified. But we must have enough complaints to make it clear that the matters in question call for investigation and that they are not merely the occasional, inevitable slip.

On this account please let us know about incidents in V. A. hospitals which work appreciable hardship on the patients — time, place and patient — as soon as they occur. We shall carry the ball from there and —

(1) Shall make sure that no complaints get out of this office which could work any hardship on any patient.

(2) Shall combine complaints and register them where they will do the most good.

JOSEPH K. SURLS, M.D.,
National Service Officer
130 East End Avenue,
New York 28, N. Y.

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43 Wardwell Ave., Lynn, Mass.
February 22, 1950

Yankee Division Vets Assn
200 Huntington Avenue
Boston, Mass.

Comrades:—

On this, the anniversary date of the birth of the Father of our country, I wish to bring to the YDVA a matter that arouses me in no uncertain terms.

Only a couple days ago I read a copy of the February 18th issue of the Army & Navy Journal that a certain General Byers had made certain statements while appearing before the House Appropriations Committee. Among those statements, he intimated that any or all retrenchment or budget cuts in the Army that were intended would result in no promotions for enlisted men of the Army until February 1952 at the earliest. No mention was made of retrenching by with-holding promotions of any other type of personnel, such as commissioned, WAC officer, or others; merely enlisted men.

To me, this seems like a definite "kick in the pants" to all enlisted men in the Army inasmuch as it assumes the proportion of telling them all that any promises previously or currently made regarding the "Army as a Career" will be revoked, or rather proved to have been made under false pretenses as it were. Also, this will materially impede recruiting to an extent that cannot at this time be foreseen, to say nothing of forcing many men to retire prematurely who possibly had planned on serving the full period of 30 years with some hope of attaining a reasonable grade.

It does seem rather pointed that any retrenchment to be made by the Army, should so openly be stated as being planned to effect enlisted men ONLY, those from the armed forces who can afford the least to "take such a slam on the chin" at this time.

I think it would be more or less fitting, under the circumstances that the Association went on official record, especially to members of the Congress; as definitely opposed to any such Army retrenchment program that would be exclusively thrust down th throats of ONLY enlisted personnel; and that an such contemplated budget savings either effect ALL personnel or none in all fairness.

—Leon F. Denis
Life Member YDVA

Senate Votes $5000 For YD Convention

Although a member warned that the funds would be used by officials for a "Spree", the Massachusetts Senate approved a $5000 grant for the YD National Convention in Worcester next June.

Senator Richard H. Lee, Republican of Newton who said he was a former YD man — (*Ed note. He never was a member of the Association*) declared the money would not be used 'to help the ordinary doughboy of the YD'. The money for a spree is going to officials who have had very little to do with the military service he added. "I would feel quite otherwise if it were benefitting the rank and file. I'm not in favor of using funds for junkets for officials who have too much spare time on their hands".

In passing the measure on a voice vote, the Senate upset a recommendation of the Ways and Means Committee. The Chairman Senator Wm. E. Nolan, Democrat of Holyoke, argued $65,000 has been asked by various veterans organizations this year and that five such requests have already been rejected.

Last year, he said only $15,000 was requested by these organizations. The Committee feels the demands are "out of bounds" and all should be rejected and treated alike.

Senator Wm. C. Geary, Democrat of Lowell, who served in the YD in WW I, sharply disagreed that the money would be used for a junket. He urged passage "unless this body puts its foot down and stops all grants".

Another YD veteran, Senator Charles G. Miles, Representative of Brockton jumped into the fray. Miles warned his colleagues not to forget the Division's heroic deeds and urged that the State's practice of alloting $5,000 to the annual convention be continued.

Dear Knocko:

I surely regret that I haven't had a chance to get to any of the meetings this year and it looks as if my prospects are dimming as time goes on. I had planned for the New York meeting on February 18, but had to make a quick trip out through the Midwest and just got back the morning of the 19th. I also have an invitation to be present at Nashua on the 12th, which I haven't answered yet since I am not sure I will be available. February and March are very busy months for us here at Red Cross due to our fund campaign, and I have been on the road quite a bit.

The real reason for this letter is to tell you that I think your idea for a round table is grand. You may or may not know that one of the policies I had in the YD was the open-door policy wherein *any* man in the Division could come to see me at any time he felt it necessary. That did wonders for the Division and brother, don't think they hesitated a bit about coming. It is good leadership and I think you are winding up your term in a blaze of glory. Keeping people informed and letting them get their gripes off their chests are two big things in any organization.

You are doing a good job and I am with you one hundred percent. Sorry I can't be with you more often.

Sincerely,

W. S. PAUL.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

National Commander: Edward J. McCormack, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.
National Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: Albert C. Maxwell, 15 Gardner Road, Reading, Mass.
Secretary: Clyde H. Norton, 27 Kingsbury Avenue, Bradford, Mass.

STATE MEETING

The February meeting was held at Salem, February 5, 1950. Beverly, Danvers, Haverhill, Lynn, Northampton, Orange-Athol, Reading, Salem, Springfield, and Worcester represented.

Secretary absent (sick); Treasurer absent (sick); Chaplain and Judge-Advocate, absent.

Tom Crokan acted as Secretary, and Nute re-

ported for the Treasurer.

Following nominated for office:

Commander, Trudell, Lynn; Senior Vice Commander, Burnham, Haverhill; Junior Vice Commander, O'Connor, Northampton; Treasurer, Elliott, Worcester; Chaplain, Tarelton, Haverhill; Service Officer, Nute, Worcester; Judge-Advocate, Thibault, Salem; Historian, Crohan, Springfield.

Voted to endorse Senate Bill No. 370.

Voted to recommend National Constitution be amended to make Past Department Commanders members of National Executive Committee.

A couple of recesses to allow speakers, Richard Russell, candidate for Congress, 6th District; the new mayor of Salem Francis X. Collins and his secretary Mr. Foley and also ex-mayor Coffey. Thibault has the whole story in his column, under Salem.

There seems to be a lot of confusion and misunderstanding about the function of the Department. It is a liaison between the Chapters and National. Department Commander is to install officers of the Chapters, designate some one or give the Chapter permission to do so.

This is all to often ignored by Chapters and National. This all tends to create confusion and weakens the Department.

When a new Chapter is to be formed or officers installed, the Department Commander should be informed and any deviation from the rules laid down in the By-laws requested.

If Chapters and National are going ahead on their own. Why a Department?

Clyde H. Norton,
Department Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS YDVA AUXILIARY

President: Carrie E. Rowell
11 Henry Street, Haverhill, Mass.

Secretary: Bertha Martin
58 Church Street, North Andover, Mass.

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Department of Massachusetts YDVA was held in Salem, Sunday, February 5. This was the largest meeting that has been held since the Auxiliary has been formed. All the Auxiliaries in the Department were represented excepting Northampton.

Junior Vice President Ruth Meteyer expressed her desire to purchase a television for the Rutland Hospital and to have this presented during the convention days in June.

There was quite a discussion at this meeting in regards to having a National Auxiliary. This we hope will materialize this year. Senior Vice President Helen Rea of Boston will have the drawing for the silk puff at the March meeting. All members are asked to make final returns on tickets on or before March 5, 1950.

Nominations and election of Officers will be held in March. Meeting will be in Haverhill at the YD quarters on Court Street.

The Department Auxiliary will sponsor a party at the Leeds Hospital in Northampton in the very near future. The Department President Carrie Rowell appointed the Northampton and Springfield girls to take charge of this party.

The hospital work of the Department this year consists of two hospital parties and the presentation of the television set. A very nice Buffet Luncheon was served the Salem Auxiliary.

Bertha Martin, *Dept. Sec.*

BEVERLY

Commander: Edward W. Prisby
61 Winthrop Avenue, Beverly, Mass.

Secretary-Treasurer: Daniel L. Haskell
3 Goldsmith Avenue, Beverly, Mass.

The February meeting of Beverly Chapter was held on Tuesday evening, February 14th at "Woodberry Tavern"; and considering it being an exceedingly bad evening, with a heavy wet snow coming down, making the traveling very hazardous; a goodly number turned out. After a varied supper selected from the regular bill-of-fare, the members sat back and gabbed awhile, smoked and then enjoyed a colored-slide talk by Leslie Morgan on a recent fishing trip that he and party took in New Brunswick.

It was a very well put discourse on their traveling through the woods by hiking, boating and other means to reach their objective whereby a well spent vacation was had. The views showed that they traveled through a wonderfully scenic part of this good country of ours; and, from the talk and pictures, that "Les" and his party were able to secure some very tasty meals by the use of their fishing gear. He also showed slides of a boat trip that another party took on the Saguenay River, and these slides

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so demonstrated that a wonderfully scenic country as passed through.

The evening was enjoyed by all of us, and the anks of the members go to "Les" for his willingess to pep-up our gatherings. We broke up around :00 p.m.

The March meeting will be held on Tuesday, larch 7th at the same place, with nomination and lection of officers for 1950-51, with the installation aking place at an undetermined date in April, deending on when an installation suite can be obtained.

McMAHON, EDWARD J. (Slugger) of 58½ Pleasnt St., Beverly, passed away at the Chelsea Naval ospital on Saturday, January 21st after a lingering lness at the age of 58 years.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Wyvona R. (Frost) McMahon, he left two sons, Samuel C. of Beverly, and rancis E. McMahon now serving with the U. S. rmy, a daughter, Mrs. Russell Preston of Beverly; wo brothers, John J. of Hartford, Conn., and Frank . McMahon of California; also four grand-children nd several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday morning, nuary 24th from St. Mary's "Star of the Sea" hurch, Beverly at 9:00 a.m., with burial in the orth Beverly Cemetery and being conducted by ther McNamara. Full military honors were acorded the deceased by a composite group of veterans awn from Beverly Chapter, YDVA; "Earle T. ardell" Post No. 12, A.L., and Beverly Post o. 545, VFW., all of Beverly. The following "F" ttery members acted as bearers; Daniel L. Haskell, illiam H. Davis, Jr., Frank L. Smith, Leslie Morn., Mellen W. Jones and Frank G. Dupee.

"Ed" served with Battery "F", 101st Field Arlleiry on the Mexican Border, and overseas with the 01st F.A. during the 1st World War; taking part all engagements in which the Regiment parcipated.

Sincerest sympathy is extended to the members his family by all comrades and friends.

—Daniel L. Haskell, *Sec.-Treas.*

BOSTON

Commander: Ralph A. Palladino
333 Rutherford Ave., Charlestown, Mass.

Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The month of February was a busy one at the ub: The following meetings, installations, etc., were held during the month, besides other smaller meetings. Feb. (1)—Bowling League Vets. Adm.; (5) Grande Voiture 40-8; (6) Firemen Post A. L.; (9) YD Post A.L.; (12) 40-8 Wreck; (14) Theo. Roosevelt Det. Marines; (15) Mutual Benefit Assoc. Vets. Adm.; (16) Club Smoker; (17) Federal Emp. Assoc.; (21) Beacon Hill Post A.L., upper hall; Mission Hill Post A. L., lower hall; (23) John Hancock Vets; (24) State Dept. Amvets, installation; (25) James E. Shoulder Post VFW; (27) Suffolk County VFW; (28) 40-8 Promenade.

We have a few open dates still available: Have facilities for catered dinners to handle up to 300. The large hall is available for meeting, dances, wedding parties, installations, etc. We have several smaller rooms for small groups.

TO ALL MEMBERS: If you know of a group that are getting together and looking for a place to meet, pass the word along to call the Club for open dates. Rental is very REASONABLE.

Bills for dues have been mailed to all former members, a little early this year, but from necessity we need the money to pay bills that we owe. Last year was a tough one financially as we changed our lights from DC to AC and work done on the building cost us more than expected. Our Bar is doing good, but that is a separate account and until we can pay off the initial cost of setting up that part of the building we will have to have to get along on dues and a few other similar incomes. Once we get squared away down at the Bar, all profits will go back into the building and in a few years we should have on the best (if not the best) looking Clubs in the City. That is the reason we are appealing to all members to help us bring in new parties to the Club.

FITCHBURG

Commander: James D. Meffen
411 North St., Fitchburg, Mass.

Secretary: William E. Kuriger
380 Elm St., Fitchburg, Mass.

In spite of the snowstorm, we had forty good YD men turnout for the February meeting. Our newly elected officers took over very ably, and Commander Meffen's suggestion for a meeting in Gardner next month was well received. Members volunteered the use of their cars to take the fellows from Fitchburg up to Gardner.

Chaplain Renda reports that our Buddy Bill Sherrin is in the Framingham hospital, and that Bill King

was also on the sick list this month. We are hoping for a quick recovery boys, see you soon. Leo Durkins' name was selected for our attendance prize of $30.00, but Leo was not present and so next month a larger prize, and if you miss only one meeting a year, it is then that your name might be called.

Bill McBride suggested that we let the attendance prize accumulate until it is won, it will be a good method to entice some of our comrades to show up more often.

Jim Meffen and Russ Aldrich represented our Chapter at the reception held for Amvet National Commander Harold J. Russell, at the Fitchburg High School, and our Commander also attended the installation of the Gold Star Mothers.

Bob O'Brien reports that our building fund is progressing slowly, and Brownie Amastae wants some of us WW II boys to loosen up when the Insurance checks roll in, what did you say Brownie?

We had the opportunity of meeting Gene Parker, ne of our members that we haven't seen enough of, nd he is the young artist responsible for the February YD cover. The boys were ribbing Old Sarge, who dropped in for a while, what was that all about Robbie?

We are looking forward to seeing a large attendance at the March meeting in Gardner, so let's get together boys and show everyone that the Fitchburg YD IS ALIVE!

—Bill Kuriger, *Sec.*

DANVERS

Commander: Webster L. Blanchard
38 Locust Street, Danvers, Mass.

Secretary: Charles W. Davis
21 Holten St., Danvers, Mass.

Danvers Chapter held their monthly meeting at Mrs. Pike's, twenty-six showed up as usual. Social Hour, Chicken Supper and movies.

We now have 46 paid-up members, four less than last year and if I could only see the other four we had last year I know I could get their dues, but I never see them, and if they read this I hope it will help. Now I would advise you members to start paying 1950-51 dues, they are due April 1st, only one month away. It was voted to have the April meeting Wednesday April 26, and this will be known as Old Timers' Night and Frank Marchant who is our genial purveyor of the Social and his M. C. Harold B. Williams are on the committee to see that all the old timers who have not been to our meetings lately show up at least once a year, so when you hear from Frank and Harold make a date for the YD.

We were glad to see Henry Von Kamacke, 101st Sanitary, with us after a year's absence, come oftener Henry. Phil Smith, Raymond, N. H., how are you? Come on down as soon as you get the snow out of your driveway, we miss you. How about you Myron and Kitch, and also Earl from Middleton, come on get out us with us young fellows. Does this suit you Pauley?

—C. Davis, *Sec.*

LYNN

Commander: Edwin W. Streeter
17 Bartholomew Terrace, Peabody, Mass.

Secretary: Edmond Trudell
67 Howard St., Lynn, Mass.

Lynn Chapter will take a prominent part in Lynn's 100th Anniversary celebration which takes place, June 11th to 17th. Commander Edwin Streeter will be in charge of the Veterans' Day, June 13th, and the Chapter will take part in the big parade on June 17th. One of our loyal members, Fred "Dinty" Mower was recently awarded the "Bouquet of the Week" given by the Lynn Daily Item, for his outstanding work as President of Lynn Boys' Club.

Archer Gilbert who served with Battery D, 101st F. A., recently underwent a serious operation, but is coming along fine. Ed. Trudell our live wire secretary is planning a series of parties to bolster our treasury.

Our permanent quarters are looking better all the time after the paint brigade, under supervision of Bill Eddows, Eustis Grimes and George Walton.

Our annual election of officers takes place in March and it looks like our second WW II comrade will be Commander, Charles Benway.

—The Duke.

NEW BEDFORD

Commander: Joseph M. Blanchette
376 Coggeshall Street, New Bedford, Mass.

Secretary: Dester D. DuBois
106 Arnold St., New Bedford, Mass.

Secretary DuBois has recovered and is convales-

cent at home at this writing, after eight weeks of illness, and will be back in circulation soon.

At the February meeting only five showed up, so no meeting was held. Commander Blanchette is planning to have John Costa up for the next meeting to speak on Veterans' Affairs and Veterans' Benefits. John is the Liaison Officer for the Department of the American Legion. It will be interesting to any veteran to come to the meeting, and bring some one that may be interested.

The National Commander Edward J. McCormack is sending out books for a Hudson Car, when you get your book sell it as soon as possible and get another, do your share to help him, he has done a real job this year, the least each YDer can do is to sell one book. Make this a MUST.

A couple of YD retired Colonels, have gone to Florida for a vacation. They are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Winslow and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stanley.

I have no reports of any sick comrades other than the existing sick list. Ralph Swift is at home, Francis Parker also at home, Ed. Newton has come home from the Newport Naval where he spent many weeks and Francis Darcy is still at Newport. DuBois is on the mend at home. So, comrades, drop these sick comrades a letter or a card, it will help to cheer them up. If you know of any sick comrades or if you are sick, let's know as soon as possible.

—Dester D. DuBois.

SALEM CHAPTER

Commander: Elmer F. Remon
6 Lathrop Street, Salem, Mass.

Secretary: Ernest J. Pelletier
22 Mt. Vernon St., Peabody, Mass.

State meeting was held in Salem, February 5th. It was the largest attendance of any State meeting this year. Our newly-elected mayor Francis X. Collins, attended and addressed the members, (first time most of us ever met his honor), a man of few words, but who does things right. From what I hear around town about him, they say he is a right smart Guy. We are rooting for him, and why not, he has appointed James Foley, 101st Infantry, WW II, as his Executive Secretary, first time a YD man has been secretary to a Salem mayor.

Comrade Foley was called on for remarks, and said: "There are about 58 101st Infantry WW II around Salem, who should be members in Salem"; he started the ball rolling by planking down three bucks for his dues. After hearing the way he expresses himself, we think he would make a right smart YD Commander.

P.N.C. Ralph Turgeon also addressed the members, and later met his old Buddies of Salem. Ralph is still full of vim, vigor, and vitality; atta boy Ralph.

Former mayor Edward A. Coffey, was also with us, he is one grand guy.

Our sympathies to Leonard Ives, Battery F, 101st F. A., on the loss of his mother.

Georgie Bingle got out of a sick bed to attend the meeting. You can't keep a good guy down.

Congratulations to Louis Beaulieu, Bat. F, 101st F. A., on his election as chairman of the Welfare Board.

Past Commanders banquet and installation of officers of Chapter and Auxiliaries, Saturday evening, April 1st, 1950 at Pequot Cafeteria, Salem. $2.50 each person. P.C. Napoleon LeBlanc, Chairman.

—Donald Duck Thibault.

PLYMOUTH

"Plymouth Rock Chapter"

Commander: Frank (Jim) Morish
18 Savery Avenue, Plymouth, Mass.

Secretary: Earl Alexander
65 Alden Street, Plymouth, Mass.

Al Gifford and Emery Randall took in the New York Chapter Banquet and Installation on Saturday, February 18th. They also went along to the installation of the Lehigh Valley Chapter at Allentown, Penn; both affairs were very well conducted. Bill Corum took Al and Emery to the fights in New York, and after the show they all went to "Toots" Shor's for a Charcoal Steak — Randall claims that Knocko needed Giffy along to show him the road to Allentown. Phil Sousa met them in Allentown and everything in the house was on Phil. He showed them a real great time.

The new officers of Allentown are mostly all WW II fellows, and are a great gang. We received our charter from National Headquarters, and right how we plan on the installation in the near future.

—Earl Alexander, *Secretary*.

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SPRINGFIELD

Commander: William F. Bolack
36 Maple Court, Springfield

Secretary: Hugo M. Scagliarini
165 Middlesex St., Springfield, Mass.

Once more the time has come for the monthly item, in Yankee Doings and I must write fast in order to make the deadline on the 20th, at least it will be easier to lift this pen instead of the heavy wet snow by the shovels full, so by the time you read this you can look back to the month of February and say, by golly, we did have a big snow storm last month; and how good your back feels after a month's rest.

The Springfield Chapter, under the chairmanship of Commander Bolack held a successful paper drive last month and a goodly sum was turned over to the treasurer. A much larger figure could have been attained if we would have had at least fifteen more members to collect papers from various homes, as it was forty stops had to be passed up. Commander Bolack will hold another paper drive the month of April, so comrades let's all show up on the day selected to lend a hand and make treasurer Ben Johnson's eyes really open wide when the check from the proceeds of this immense paper drive is turned over to him.

Our last card party was very successful, Progressive Whist was played. The people who attended had a very nice evening and as they left for home they wanted to know when the next one would take place. This card party committee is working very hard to see that suitable prizes are given away, and to see that everyone has an evening of enjoyment.

I can assure you, comrades, that we have made a host of new friends for the YDVA, also through the monthly dinners. For the month of February, the chairman will be Bill Fisher, the main dish will be roast beef. For March, Dave Hogan will be chairman and the main item on the menu will be corn-beef and cabbage and just think the cost of these dinners is only 99c and the fun and entertainment you have costs you nothing. The main object of the card parties and dinners is to use this nice hall which was built at considerable expense, there wasn't much sense in confining the use of this hall to Saturday nights only. So, members, if you can't make the card party, try to take in a dinner, or vice-versa.

Another thing to remember is that the bar is open every night in the week and I can safely say that the Springfield YD Club has the distinction of having a different bartender every night and this is done by various comrades voluntarily.

By the time this is read we hope to have all the pictures of Past Commanders, mounted and framed and put in a suitable spot in the Club. Comrade Tom Crohan has really put in a lot of time in this endeavor. The pictures did not come so easy, did they Tom?

I was happy to note in last month's Doings that a new Chapter is being formed in Allentown, Pa. If the YDVA is to continue to be strong, the future strength lies in states like Pennsylvania, Ohio and most of the Middle West because in World War II the representation from those states was heavy in the various units of the 26th Division and the encouragement to those people should be very strong.

By the way, I must mention that the card parties held during April and October will be sponsored by the Auxiliary only, all the proceeds from these two parties will go to the good ladies for their general fund, after all the ladies have to live too, isn't that right girls?

The Springfield Chapter will be hosts for the State Department meeting in April and the installation of the newly elected State Department officers will take place at that time.

—Hugo Scagliarini, *Secretary*.

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Dep't. Commander: Harold H. Rutter, 16 Victory Ave., So. Portland

CUMBERLAND COUNTY CHAPTER

Commander: William W. Sharland
955 Highland Ave., South Portland, Maine

Secretary: Oliver C. Dudley
303 Valley Street, Portland, Maine

On January 20th we met at Malia Post for our regular meeting. Business was conducted and plans discussed for our trip to Lewiston Chapter. The date was changed from February 2nd and the new date is March 2nd.

Cumberland County Chapter voted to make a donation to the Malia Post in appreciation of their kindness in allowing us the use of their home on Atlantic Street, Portland for our meetings.

Our Commander and State Commander Harold Rutter both were invited to attend the initial showing in Maine of the motion picture "Battleground" at the State Theater in Portland. A reserved section was roped off for heads of the veterans organizations in the State. Impressive ceremonies were held previous to the showing of the film. The 103rd Infantry provided an honor guard and the Caldwell Post American Legion Drum Corps provided the music.

The following committees have been appointed by the Commander: Nominating, Comrades Kahill, Cunningham and Erickson. Worcester Convention 1950: Comrades Rutter, Walker and Hager.

—William W. Sharland.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dep't. Commander: Michael J. Dell Isola, 34 Park Ave., Nashua, N. H.

Secretary: John Chesson, Ashland St., Nashua, N. H.

MANCHESTER

Commander: Archie J. Vigneault
11 W. Appleton Street, Manchester, N. H.

Secretary: Henry P. Paris
155 St. James Avenue, Manchester, N. H.

Wednesday, February 8, at Manchester, N. H., the YDVA local Chapter held their regular monthly meeting at Manchester Post American Legion Building, Elm Street. Simultaneously the recently activated auxiliary of which Mrs. Forest J. Drury is acting president met in another section of the same building.

Commander Archie Vigeault was conspicuous by his absence due to a severe cold. Both meetings were genuinely fervent in all out efforts for not only an active 1950 but a successful year financially. In the absence of Henry Paris, secretary, Walter Moulton assumed these responsibilities for the evening. Among interesting reports was that of Karl Byam, Chairman of the special committee to organize Beano games for the purpose of maintaining a treasury balance commensurate with welfare needs and particularly the needs which will take place when the new Veterans hospital is activated approximately in June of this year.

That famous annual reunion which is now an institution will be held in April and the tentative date is April 15th. Commander Vigneault as chairman of the committee for this affair will have as his assistants comrades Gene Dugas, Charles Bailey, John Dunlap, Clarence Byron and John Blidberg. It will probably be held at the Manchester Post, American Legion Building on Elm Street. Although the auxiliary is well on its way as an organization, it was felt that this reunion will be restricted to the veterans this year. Elections will be held at the March meeting and the nominating committee headed by John Dunlap submitted the following names for this election: Commander Lester Horton; Sen. Vice Com. Shirley Luscombe; Jr. Vice Com. Charles Weaver; Secretary Walter E. Moulton; Treasurer John Blidberg; Sgt. at Arms John J. Madden; Chaplain, Edward A. Cousins; Historian, Herve D. Grenier; Trustees one year, Karl H. Byam; two years, Gene Dugas; three years, Archie Vigneault. "Jimmie" Blair whose term as Sr. Vice Commander expires this year notified the nominating committee that his responsibilities were too many in connection with his business for him to do a thorough job as the commander this year.

The ladies certainly came thru again with their tasty sandwiches, coffee and a large St. Valentine's Day cake — delicious in taste and elegantly served. Loretta Cousins, between serving, managed to give out with her usual wow on the piano. A tense moment of emotion took place during the AUXILIARY meeting when Mrs. John Blidberg presented colors to the auxiliary. They are beautiful and are in a sturdy and handsome stand conceived and built by none other than her husband, John. The ladies continue with their activities and it is expected that about a dozen tables will be occupied at a card party to be held March first at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Forrest J. Drury.

Information is occasionally received that some comrades are not receiving their copy of Yankee Doings. When you hear of such a case please tell the comrade to simply send a penny post card to the Commander YDVA c/o Steward, Manchester Post, American Legion, Manchester, N. H., and the matter will have attention immediately following the end of the next meeting.

"Doc" Drury has been spending a little time on the sick list. Probably by the time this goes to press Dr. Drury will be up and about. Ain't often that

"Doc" gives in but he sure has been working hard these days. Dr. Brown and his wife are sojourning in Florida. Word has been received that comrade Anthony Tourignay could use many more cards and letters while he is a patient at Portsmouth Naval Hospital in New Hampshire.

PORTSMOUTH-ROCHESTER
General Clarence R. Edwards Chapter
Commander: Don P. Hillman
Agamenticus Rd., South Berwick, Me.
Secretary: Ormond York
211 Circuit Road, Portsmouth, N. H.

On the evening of February 3rd, a meeting was held by this Chapter at its headquarters, at the U.S.O. Bldg., on Daniels Street. Many important items and future events were discussed.

The problem of major importance is membership and for the next three months Commander Hillman has asked all of us to get on the ball and interview every Y.D. man that we know in this area. By doing this we know that they will all join with us.

We intend to make this the largest Chapter in New Hampshire. I urgently request all present members to bring a new member at our next meeting which is always the first Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m.

The members of this Chapter sincerely thank Al Shepard for his efforts in getting this Chapter located at Portsmouth and also for getting it rolling once more.

CORRECTION: In the February issue of Yankee Doings you described me as six feet three inches in height, please cut that to six feet (6 ft.). I will settle for the weight, also I am from Battery "B" 101st Field Artillery.

—Ormond York, *Sec.*

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander: Joseph L. Bourget, RFD No. 1, Saylesville, R. I.
Dep't. Secretary: Howard W. Hunt, 25 Greene St., Pawtucket, R. I.

PROVIDENCE CHAPTER
Commander: John S. Mitchell
52 Calaman Road, Cranston, R. I.
Secretary: Howard W. Hunt
25 Greene Street, Pawtucket, R. I.

PROVIDENCE CHAPTER MEETS THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT THE HARRISON ST. ARMORY. VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME.

Well, comrades our February meeting was very well attended. Forty-two members turned out. It was our annual Past Commanders Night. Of the thirteen Past Commanders, P.C's Mulcahey, Cook, Mara, Kelley, Murray, Davidson, Whitman, Vickery and Bresette were present; Crescenzo and Dunn were absent; and McCarthy and Taylor deceased.

Chaplain Hanson reporting on illness seems to have an ever increasing list of comrades who have fallen by the wayside thru illness. We sincerely hope that they will all get back to health again very soon. Regards and best wishes to Dr. Clegg, Scotty Dunn, Roy Simpson, Bill O'Rourke, John J. Brown and Dr. Devine to mention but a few.

The nominating committee selected by the Commander to bring in a slate of officers for Providence Chapter for 1950-51 submitted the following list of names: Commander, Guy M. Kittredge; Senior Vice Commander, Fred J. Grandchamp; Junior Vice Commander, Leo L. Bottari; Historian, James J. Girvan; Chaplain, Edwin M. Story; Secretary-Treasurer, Howard W. Hunt; Judge Advocate, Edwin M. Mara; Trustees: John S. Mitchell, 3 yrs; Wilfred M. Bresette, 2 yrs; Walter B. Vickery, 3 yrs. These names were placed on the table until the March meeting at which time they and any other additional names which may be nominated from the floor will be balloted upon.

Commander Mitchell reported upon the National Executive Committee meeting in Worcester. It seems that Providence Chapter is still being taken over the coals at these meetings. May we remind the National Executive Committee that it is better to tend to the business at hand than to keep bringing up back issues. Though we were supposed to be having harmonious meetings now? That doesn't sound like it. 'Nuff said.

Providence Chapter is considering undertaking a project with the U. S. Veterans Hospital at Davis Park whereby we can assist in contributing plastic pieces, glue and supplies necessary for the handicapped to use in the Hobby or Craft shop of the hospital. P.C.'s Cook, Kelley and Bresette were ap-

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pointed to look into the matter and report back at the next meeting.

A rousing program of entertainment was furnished by the LaQue entertainers. Songs, dances and skits were well received by the audience.

State Commander Pete Bourget was present and addressed the gathering. He announced that the next State Department meeting would be held at the Armory in Westerly with Westerly Chapter as the host on Tuesday evening February 21st.

All Past Commanders present were called on for a few brief remarks. It was a pleasure to sit and listen to so many illustrious leaders reminisce on the activities of the Chapter of yesteryear.

At long last our P.C. Bresette was duly honored and recognized for the swell job he did as Commander last year. He was called to the altar and was presented with a beautiful gold YD ring suitably inscribed. Bill was sure taken by surprise, but like the trouper that he is, came up with his thanks and appreciation to the whole gang.

—Howard W. Hunt, *Sec.*

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: M. Patrick Healey, 41 Washington St., New London, Conn.
Dep't. Secretary: H. Leroy Woodcock, 94 Elmwood Ave., Waterbury, Conn.

STATE MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Department of Connecticut YDVA was held at Rocky Hill Veterans' Hospital in conjunction with the distribution of cigarettes to the Veterans. The meeting was held in Memorial Hall.

The meeting was opened by Dept. Commander Patrick Healey at 3:30 p.m. with full ceremony. Chaplain Harold Mitchell offered up the prayer.

Minutes of previous meeting read, but on account of no quorum could not be approved. One error was noted and Secretary instructed to correct same—the resolution on James Clark's death was to be sent to his sister, not his wife.

Question arose in regard to next meeting. In my previous minutes I announced the March meeting would be held in Willimantic, but that date has been cancelled. It was decided to wait to see if Hartford wanted the March meeting; if not, Norwalk will take it. There will be a meeting of the Nominating Committee immediately before the State Meeting, which will only take a few minutes to draw up a slate which will be voted on at the March meeting and installed at the April meeting in Bridgeport.

On illness — Henry Dube, 248 Gorham Ave., Hamden, was ill at home. Commander Popolizio of New Haven Chapter, 22 Clay St., was ill at home, and Frank Savage is at Rocky Hill.

—William O'Neill, Jr.,
Acting Secretary.

BRIDGEPORT

Commander: Charles H. Cockerton
78 Jerusalem Hill
Bridgeport, Conn.

Secretary: Samuel B. Zolo
1928 Seaview Avenue
Bridgeport, Conn.

The Bridgeport Chapter was very active at their last meeting.

There was a lot of work to be done as we are expecting the meeting of our National Executive Committee April 16, arrangements were made for that.

We are also honored with having our William O'Neil, Jr., as State Commander who will be installed at the same time. There is one whom we are all proud of, and glad that he is taking such an active part in the YD.

For one of the WW II men he has been active from the first time he came to the Chapter, and is

doing some fine work in the Chapter and the State Committee, he is a credit to the whole YD, an inspiration to the old and young men of our organization, good luck Bill O'Neil, Jr., we are all for you.

Sam Marcus is again going to Rocky Hill for repairs as he calls it. We hope you don't stay too long, we need you, speedy recovery.

Our own Chapter election and installation is being arranged and we all expect a fine time, the date April 16, Sunday at 3:00 p.m. at Veterans' Hall.

Those of the comrades who want to meet our National Commander, the Executive Board, the State officers of Connecticut, and our own officers, make it your duty to be there.

The ladies who were at the meeting and those who were not are getting ready with their good eats, Mrs. Charles Cockerton, Mrs. William O'Neil, Jr., Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Norup are all set to serve out the best of eats, so remember and try to be there.

—Sam Zolo.

HARTFORD

Commander: John R. Edwards
77 No. Quaker Lane
West Hartford 7, Conn.

Secretary: Carroll B. Case
23 Harvard St., Hartford 6, Conn.

Our annual dinner was held on February 6th, with 130 loyal YD men present. N.C. Edward "Knocko" McCormack gave an inspiring talk on YD affairs. Lt. Colonel Harold Smith of the 9th Air Force Command was our guest speaker. His message will long be remembered by all who were present. Jim "Cowboy" Sullivan also attended as did Marty Taylor of Boston Chapter. For the first time in years Guy Watts could not be with us and he was missed. Guy was confined to bed for a few days.

Pat Healey Commander Department of Connecticut, Jack Farquhar Commander of New York Chapter; Marty Chambers, Commander, Department of the East. Comrade "Shorty" McElwaine of New York Chapter, PNC Fred Jones and Earle Holbrook of Worcester Chapter were some of the visiting firemen. To complete the party our old faithful friend PNC Al Herman was present. Thanks to all for making our party a huge success.

We are now off to another big YD year. It has been a pleasure to have worked with our National officers. Our membership has been good, attendance at the meetings very good and we sure will help in the car drawing tickets being sent out from National Headquarters. We urge each and every member to help put this money making scheme over with a bang. Every book means a buck for YD.

—Spoons.

WINDHAM COUNTY

Commander: Robert P. Frailey
45 Mountain Street, Willimantic, Conn.

Secretary: Gardiner H. Hall
South Willington, Conn.

The winter months have been pretty dull, however YD is ready to go again, starting with the March 6th meeting. Already a slate of new officers has been chosen or should I say old ones still holding the fort. Remember men that year of 1935, January, we got together 13 of us and organized as YDVA. April of that year we received our Charter. 15 years ago, boys. It was a great day with bigger and better days to follow. Much hard work has gone by and there is much to be done IF we expect to survive another 15 years.

Without the work of those of us who are honored and privileged to carry the ball, plus the paid-up membership of those who remain loyal to YD but whom we seldom see, YD would have been but a memory years ago. We are all getting older, we all like more and more to hug the fireside and excuses for not attending meetings or doiong other things worth while are getting much easier to give. Men, if we are to carry on as an organization you and I must exert a little more pressure, a little more energy to keep alive. During the coming year something MUST be done to make our meetings, now dull and uninteresting, more attractive. YOU can't just smile that one off. Let's get serious for a change and do something about it.

Now men April first is almost upon us. That means dues. Don't lag and put it off. It makes it inconvenient for you as well as for the Secretary who does the desk work. It's easy to come in early and not half so much fun to come late. OK then—your usual cooperation will be expected and appreciated. THREE Bucks that's all.

One more thing—April will bring our annual installation of officers, isn't it time a lot of you fellows gave up one Sunday a year and make it a point to get together with the rest of us. You have no

idea what a wonderful afternoon would be spent with all you fellows around to make the rest of us happy. Though no date has been set, no doubt it will be the second or third Sunday in April.

Pat Haggerty one of the original 13 goes in for Commander. Pat for 15 years has been one of the pillars of Local Y. D. He has done a lot of work for Y. D. over the years and it has taken 14 years to get him to take over as head man. Pat will without doubt make another good leader and I sort of think after a fellow has put in all these years that the rest of us can take a day off and help Pat to start his year off in good humor — with a desire to keep YD alive — and knowing you and I really do appreciate a good guy.

That's all men. Plan now to put aside that one day in April for YD and Haggerty.

—G. H. Hall, *Sec.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST

Commander: Martin H. Chambers, 210 6th Ave., New York, N. Y.

ALLENTOWN

"Lehigh Valley Chapter"

Commander: Paul F. Crossan, Jr.
633 Smiley Ave., Bethlehem, Pa.

Secretary: Matthew E. McHugh
125 E. Ettwein St., Bethlehem, Pa.

The following officers wer installed on February 19th in the VFW Home in Allentown, Pa.

Commander ..... Paul F. Crossan
1st Vice-Commander....Leonard Tedesco
2nd Vice-Commander.....Joseph Rengel
3rd Vice-Commander.....Jack Briscoe
Sergeant-at-Arms .....Domenic Rucci
Secretary.....Matthew E. McHugh
Treasurer ..... John Otrosina
Executive Committee:
Robert Koehler
Peter Harris
Clarence Whitehead

All of the above officers are WW II men except John Otrosina who served with the YD during WW I.

On February 19th the Lehigh Valley Chapter was organized and we feel proud to become a part of the wonderful YDVA. We were honored to meet so many high officials of the national organization which included "Knocko", "Cowboy" Jim Sullivan, and H. Guy Watts. Also present were Al Gifford and William Forsythe, past national commander and member of the Philadelphia Chapter, who conducted the installation of officers. The installation was delayed a few hours until the arrival of our esteemed guests. It seems that they drove 250 miles to cover the 90 miles between New York and Allentown. The roundabout route they took is not recommended for anyone who wishes to make time.

Among the local guests who attended were Claude Zotter, President of the United Veterans, Fred Donney, President of the 316th Infantry Chapter of the 79th Division and District Commander of the American Legion and Walter Redash, commander of the VFW Post 13 of Allentown. We are fortunate in being granted permission to hold our meetings in the VFW home.

Commander Crossan spoke a few words and indicated that big things can be expected of the Lehigh Valley Chapter. We also heard from "Jack" Keefe, a polio victim who spoke from his wheel chair and expressed the hope that this chapter will grow and move forward. "Jack" served with I Co., 328th Infantry in WW II and is a charter member of our chapter. Incidentally Secretary McHugh served with K Co., 328 Infantry in WW II. An effort will be made to contact all men in this area who are eligible to join the YDVA. A great deal of credit for forming this chapter must go to Sabine Sousa, a member of the Boston Chapter who has been living in or around Allentown for the past several years. He spent many hours tracking down YD veterans who had moved a few times since their address appeared on the YD shipping list.

—Matthew E. McHugh, *Sec.*

PHILADELPHIA

"Quaker City Chapter"

Commander: William P. Brown
2816 N. "D" St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Secretary: Karl G. Ley, Jr.
1017 South Frazier St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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be held on Saturday April 15th at Maple Shade Country Club at Maple Shade, New Jersey. This is the best dinner ever held in Philadelphia history, "Al" Roberts has informed us that STEAK will be the main issue of the dinner, and the steaks they serve are out of this world. All those who have attended our dinners before know what I'm speaking of. Dan Ross is also securing some entertainment for us. So this will be a honey of a dinner. The topic of the evening is the installation of your new officers you have just elected. So let's get out to this dinner and support your new officers. Show them your appreciation of what they are trying to do for you. For further information get in touch with your secretary.

Chick Frazier is doing well with our chapter banner and it is expected to be ready for our installation dinner. Our traveling salesman, John Schack paid us a visit last month and is looking very good. He also taught the boys a few new card games. Bob Bershtein missed joining our association of Jackpot winners. He missed out on $11.50 because he wasn't present last month. Tough luck, Bob. If you want to have a good night's fun, just stop in at "Chick Frazier's Dugout" 3533 N. 11th St., the 1st Friday of each month.

Since this ends the year for the present officers, our Commander wishes to thank all members for the cooperation he received in the past year.

—Karl Ley.

WASHINGTON

Commander: Arthur L. Robitaille
2224 Chester St. S.E., Washington, D. C.
Secretary: Carl C. Redinger, Jr.
7315 15th Ave., Takoma Park, Md.

Each month it gets better and better! The best turn out of the season was on hand for the February meeting. Once again we met in the fabulous Pentagon Building, Lt. Col. Clapper the Division Signal Officer in WW II who arranged a fine movie program for us. After giving a brief resume of the Yankee Division's leading role in the battle of the Bulge, Col. Clapper showed a movie of the battle of the Bulge and another on the war in its entirety. Many scenes from the Bulge were captured German films which were news to most everyone. Among the First Nighters in attendance were James Peale, Glen Weston, Woodrow Davis, Omer McLaughlin, and William Krumwiede. We were happy to see a few old timers again, namely Comrades Roberts, Cotter, Popham, McManus, Hanford, and Harold Smith.

Carl Newcomb, Chairman in charge of coupon books was out of town so there was not much news about the raffle. But I'm sure that by the time that you read this you will all have your books and have them sold. Remember that we do not have too many people selling books and so it is imperative that each one sell as many as possible. Call me for a few more books.

—Carl Redinger, *Sec.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE MIDDLE WEST

Commander: Matthew E. Connor, 5048 No. Elkhart Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

OHIO

Commander: Perley G. Wells
2024 West Boulevard, Cleveland 2, Ohio
Secretary: Fred E. Bastel
1737 Coit Road, East Cleveland 12, Ohio

The older you get the faster the time seems to fly! Here we are planning on another convention,—soon we'll be sweating it out in a hot parade.

In our last meeting we had the privilege of seeing two short sound movies, one being "The Mineral Resources of Ohio" and the other "Wild Life in Ohio." These two pictures showed very vividly the natural wealth of our State; where deposited and how it is converted into hundreds of daily uses.

The meeting room of the Ladies' Auxiliary has been enlarged by the removing of a partition which was located about in the middle of this large room. In order to maintain privacy for the ladies in their meeting the Chapter had installed curtains which can be closed or opened by a series of pulleys for whatever occasion that may be desired.

The writer has made several trips to Columbus in the interest of starting a Columbus Chapter. J. R. Solensky who is now the city's No. 1 YD citizen, has made over a dozen contacts with the YD men living there and has created an interest in this direction. Before long we can expect to hear that the group has been organized into an active Chapter, the second in Ohio.

We've had beautiful weather all winter up to now. With Spring at the back door, Winter is opening the front door and giving us a blast of artic temperature and temperament. —Fred Bastel.

YDVA AUXILIARY OF OHIO

President: Mayme Buehner
15639 Broadway, Maple Heights, Ohio

Secretary: Doris J. Smart
3573 E. 135th St., Cleveland, Ohio

Our regular meeting was February 5th at 3:30 p.m. Rose McGloin won the door prize and she in turn will furnish the prize for our March meeting. Our February donation of $50.00 was sent to the March of Dimes Drive.

The past-presidents will meet during the month to prepare a ballot for the coming election.

After our meeting the Auxiliary was the guest of the Chapter at the showing of two fine movies, "Bird Life in Ohio and the Natural Resources of Ohio". They were both interesting and educational and we thank Mr. Bastell for his efforts in obtaining them for us.

We served a buffet lunch; after which the card games started. We are all looking forward to an eventful March meeting.

—Doris Smart, *Secretary*.

DEPARTMENT OF THE FAR WEST

Commander: Archie E. Farr, 4116½ Tujunga Blvd., No. Hollywood, Cal.

DENVER

Rocky Mountain Chapter
Commander: Randell E. Ericson
832 Poplar Street
Denver 7, Colorado

Sec.-Treas.: Charles E. Ellis
832 Poplar Street
Denver 7, Colorado

February meeting is now history. Despite our motive of going after the dues early we did have a nice turn out and even collected some dues. Those that weren't present can mail them to the Secretary or bring them along to the next meeting. Those attending and having a good time were: Ericson, our commander; Vetter, Preston, Harmon, Tursick, Hull, Murray, Chandler who came back into town to make the meeting; Johancen and Ellis.

Our meetings are being held in the John S. Stewart Post No. 1 of the VFW here in Denver. The founders Post of the VFW, and our comrade Ben C. Harmon is the newly elected commander of the Post. Best wishes and lots of success to you Ben.

Have we jumped the gun on all other chapters in going after the dues? Here's hoping by next meeting we can send in to headquarters our 100% subscription for this year. Let's go. See you next month.

—Charles E. Ellis, *Sec.-Treas.*

LOS ANGELES

(Southern California Chapter)

Commander: William D. Libby
P. O. Box 607, Arcadia, California

Secretary: George K. Mitchell
824 Cresthaven Dr., Los Angeles, Calif.

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles Chapter was held at Patriotic Hall on February 1st.

In the absence of Commander Libby who was confined to his home by illness, Vice Commander Roland Hussey conducted the meeting.

A Nominating committee consisting of Harry McLaughlin, Steve Skelskey and Ernie Couture was appointed to report at the next meeting on March 1st at which the annual election will be held.

This will be an open meeting with Col. George W. Titus as our guest speaker. He is a veteran of World War I and II and will talk on the work of the Signal Corps. We hope to have a large audience to hear him.

Reported on Sick Call in addition to Libby was Archie Bradley at home and Archie Farr in Birmingham hospital.

The sympathy of all members goes out to comrade Arshak Amerkhanian in the death of his mother.

—G. K. M.

CO "B" 101st INFANTRY

Last meeting was on Thursday February 16th at YD Club. Quite a gathering of WW I and WW II "B" Company men showed up. Plans were made to have a special section at YD Club on March 17th at 101st party. Tickets for 17th Party are going along good, but I have a few more left and would appreciate hearing from you.

Knocko sent all "B" Company men a book for National YDVA Car Drawing and up to this writing 54 of WW I and WW II have sent in the Dollar. This is a "Must" as the "Old Boy" never puts the "Bite" on us unless he feels that it is for a very good cause. Get behind him on this one, and if you can get rid of a few more books for him I know that it will make him very happy.

The Plymouth Convention is going along very good . . . Car stickers are already in circulation . . . "B" Company will have a central meeting place in the Worcester Convention . . . Freddie Jones the Convention Chairman has given us one of the rooms at the YD Club . . . Dues are due at the Boston YD Club . . . "B" Company has the best percentage of members at the Club . . . We want to keep this up.

The Worcester Convention will be the best that was ever held by the YD. Then we hear that there will be a good old fashioned battle on for National Commander.

There will be no meeting during the month of March as we will all be together on Friday March 17th at YD Club. April meeting will be Thursday, April 20th. May meeting, Thursday, May 18th. June meeting, Thursday, June 15th. See you then.

—George McDonald, *Sec.*

"C" COMPANY 101ST INFANTRY WORLD WAR II

Received a card from 'Pat Gill' and family of Brooklyn, also a letter from 'Jim Bonner' of Penn Jim says he and 'Bob Hauser', Krupa and a few mo Charlie constituents plan to visit Boston this summ and look up the old gang. Met the boss, "Lt. Col. Larry Kirk" in South Station the other day, he looks fine and was inquriring about all the ex-warriors. More next month.

—Dan Hoar, *Secretary.*

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MRS. ANNIE (HILL) CHILDS, Honorary member of the Northampton Chapter, died at her home in Northampton, Monday February 13. By her own written request, the funeral services were conducted by the Northampton Chapter who paid their respects by placing uniformed guards, at the bier at the funeral parlors and at the church and also acted as Honorary pall bearers at the funeral. (*See article on Mrs. Childs in this issue.*)

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JOHN SARICIN, died suddenly of a heart attack in January. He was the Mess Sgt. A. Co., 104 Inf., WW II. He was working at the Northampton State Hospital at the time of his death.

THOMAS A. DONOVAN, formerly of Co. 'E', 104th Inf., WW I, died after a long illness at the Cushing Hospital, Framingham, Mass. Tom was a member of Somerville Police Dept. since 1921. Dilboy Post VFW and Somerville Post A. L. conducted services.

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EDWARD J. McMAHON, formerly of Bty. 'F', 101st F. A., WW I, died after a long illness at Chelsea Naval Hospital.

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TIMOTHY QUALTERS, formerly of Co. 'E', 104th Inf., WW I, died at his home in Athol, Mass., on February 12, 1950.

HOWARD E. TYLER, formerly of Co. 'D', 103rd Inf., died at the Veterans Hospital at Togus, Maine on December 24, 1949. His home was in Bethel, Maine.

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KARL SULLIVAN, formerly of Co. 'E', 101st Inf., WW I, died at his home in Somerville on February 12, 1950. Members of the company conducted services.

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CHARLES McLELLAN, formerly of Co. 'D', 101st Inf., WW I, died February 8th. Burial was at Mt. Hope cemetery, February 11th.

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THOMAS J. SHAW, formerly of Hq. Bty., 101st F. A., WW I, died suddenly February 17, 1950, at his home in Dorchester, Mass. He was a member of the Boston Police Dept. for 30 years and has been a Sergeant for the past ten years. Burial was on February 18th.

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JAMES J. COUGHLIN former 1st Sergeant of Headquarters Co., 101st Infantry, WW I, died February 27, 1950. Jimmie was 72 years old and has been in charge of the 101st Infantry Band since World War I.

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EDWARD J. FORGET formerly of Co. 'H', 104th Infantry, WW I, died at the Rutland Vets. Hospital, where he was a patient for some time. Report of his death was received March 1st.

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THOMAS F. JONES, formerly of Co. 'H', 101st Infantry, WW I, died suddenly at the West Roxbury Vets. Hospital on March 2, 1950. Services were conducted by Company H veterans.

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NORMAN E. LARIVIERE, formerly of Co. 'C', 104th Infantry, WW II, has been reported deceased. Mail has been returned from his former address marked deceased. He was a former member of the Springfield Chapter and lived in Chicopee, Mass.

FRANK GIBBONS, formerly of Supply Co., 101st Infantry, WW I, died at his home in Pawtucket, R. I., February 25, 1950. He was a former member of the Apremont Chapter.

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WILBUR L. MAYOU, formerly of Co. 'H', 103rd Infantry, WW I, died by accident in a fire at his home in Keene, N. H., on March 3, 1950.

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LEWIS S. WHITCOMB, formerly of the 101st Ambulance Co., died at the Bedford Hospital, on February 27, 1950.

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MARSHALL E. LITTLEFIELD, formerly of Battery 'B', 103rd F. A., died according to a return letter marked deceased. No other particulars available.

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FRED B. WILTON, formerly of Co. 'K', 104th Infantry, WW I, died suddenly at his home in Arlington, Mass., on March 7, 1950. He served also in WW II, and was discharged as a Major in the last war. Members of the Harris Post, A. L. and the YD Club of Boston participated in the services.

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